

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF HIGHLAND)
TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.,)
TO CONSIDER CHANGES WITH)
RESPECT TO THE EXPENSING OF)
STATION CONNECTIONS RESULTING)
FROM THE AMENDMENT OF THE)
UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTS)

CASE NO. 8342

O R D E R

On September 28, 1981, the Commission issued its Order in this matter wherein Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc., ("Applicant") was granted the opportunity to file tariffs on or after October 1, 1981, 1982, 1983, and 1984, to recover the increase in operating costs caused by the expensing of station connections. As of the date of this Order, Applicant has not filed such tariffs within the context of this case.

Findings and Order

The Commission, after consideration of this matter and being advised, is of the opinion and finds that:

(1) Applicant has had a fair and reasonable time to file tariffs for recovery of expenses under the first phase of the expensing of station connections and has failed to do so;

(2) This matter should be dismissed without prejudice if Applicant fails to file such tariffs within 30 days of the date of this Order;

(3) Should this matter be dismissed without prejudice, Applicant may file tariffs in this matter to recover operating costs caused by the second, third, and/or final phases of the expensing of station connections in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Order dated September 28, 1981;

(4) The Order in this matter entered September 28, 1981, should be further amended to the extent that tariffs for the second, third, and/or final phase of the expensing of station connections should be filed not later than October 1, 1982, 1983, and 1984, respectively; and

(5) Nothing contained herein precludes Applicant from filing tariffs related to the recovery of operating costs caused by the expensing of station connections as part of a general rate proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Commission's Order entered September 28, 1981, in this matter be and it hereby is amended to the extent that should Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc., fail to file tariffs in accordance with that Order, this proceeding shall be dismissed without prejudice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission's Order entered September 28, 1981, be and it hereby is also amended to the extent that Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc., be and it hereby is granted the authority to file tariffs to recover the increase in operating costs caused by the expensing of station connections in accordance with that Order not later than October 1, 1982, 1983, and 1984.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all other provisions of the Commission's Order entered September 28, 1981, shall remain in full force and effect.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 10th day of February, 1982.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Marlin M. Voth
Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary